













## NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The *S. & A. Africa*, Capt. Winthrop, arrived yesterday with the Australian mail. We take the following telegrams from exchange of 23rd July to 8th Aug. —

**THE PARNELL ENQUIRY.**  
Mr. C. S. Parnell, M.P., states that the Irish members approach the enquiry into the authenticity of his letters with a ranking sense of injustice.

**THE QUEEN TO MEET THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.**

An interview between Queen Victoria of England, and the Emperor William II. of Germany has been arranged to take place at Baden on September 20th.

**THE PAN-AMERICAN SYNDICATE.**  
The Pan-American Syndicate has decided that it will not admit any ground for divorce except that of adultery, and that the clergy of the Church of England will not solemnize any marriages between persons who have been divorced on other grounds. All persons who have been divorced on other grounds, and who marry again, will be refused the rite of baptism, and their children will be refused the rite of baptism.

**RETIREMENT OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES.**  
The Right Hon. Lord Carrington, Governor of New South Wales, has signified his desire to retire from his Governorship, before the end of the year.

**ZULULU.**  
The rebel Dintzulu, Chief of the Uxutis, has fled, and the rebellion is virtually crushed.

**ERUPTION OF STROMBOLI.**  
An eruption of Stromboli, a volcano on the island of the same name, north of Sicily, and near the Italian coast, has taken place, and has caused a tremendous destruction of property, attended with a great loss of life.

**DESTRUCTION OF FIRE IN NEW YORK.**  
A fire in a house in New York caused the loss of eighteen lives.

**THE GOODWILL MEETING.**  
The running at the Goodwill meeting resulted as follows:—

**STAKES.**  
Staked ..... 1  
Class ..... 1  
Fealty ..... 3

**GERMAN ANNEXATION.**  
The German flag has been hoisted at Pleasant Island, one of the Scarborough Group in the South Pacific.

**THE CRY OF THE ARABIC PRINCIPLES.**  
The Privy Council has decided on the appeal from the Court of Arches that the Primates of all England, the Right Hon. and most Rev. Edward White Benson, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, must entertain the petition, and has been lodged against the Right Rev. Edward King, D.D., Bishop of Lincoln, charging him with Ritualistic practices.

**SCULLING RACE.**  
Gaudard and Mackay have defeated Teemer and Egan, in a double scull race. The latter intends to visit Australia.

**THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE WESTERN MISSIONARIES.**  
The French Government has refused to readmit the Rev. W. Jones, the Wesleyan Missionary, into the island of More, in the New Hebrides Group, although they admit that nothing has been proved against his character, or that furnishes a reason for his exclusion.

**THE OLD METHOD OF BRITISH WARFARE.**  
At the banquet given by the Mayor of London, Polycare de Keyser, to the Ministers of the Crown, the Earl of the Admiralty, the Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, said that the success of Admiral Trollope's attacking squadron in connection with the recent naval maneuvers showed that the old method of British warfare was unreliable.

**LORD SALISBURY'S SPEECH AT THE MANION HOUSE.**  
Lord Salisbury, in his deliverance, said that Great Britain was gradually decreasing her debt, and increasing her credit. He also said that the Great Powers were beginning to see that there is no need to begin to meddle with the Bulgarian question.

He believed that the Emperor William II would prove to be worthy of his German and English ancestry.

He further stated that an alliance between Germany and Russia, would be the best possible event, and would happen in the general interests of Europe, and that it would mean peace for Austria also.

**GENERAL SHERIDAN'S SUCCESSION.**  
General Schofield has been appointed to succeed General Phil Sheridan, (deceased) in his command in the United States War Department.

**THE STRIKE IN PARIS.**  
A strike of 15,000 navies is now in progress in Paris.

A bombshell was thrown into the Police station. The police were furious, and arrested several persons for shooting *Père la Comarce*.

**GENERAL IGATIEFF'S ADVICE TO RUSSIA.**  
General Ignatieff has addressed an exhortation to the Czar, urging him to refrain from advancing his troops on to his frontiers in Europe, and to turn their attention towards improving the strategic positions on the Trans-Caspian Railway. He advised him to leave to Germany the duty of maintaining the equilibrium of Europe, and asserts that England is no longer a leading power in European politics.

**CHINESE EMIGRATION.**  
Lord Knutsford, in the course of an interview with a South Australian colonist, stated that the Chinese Government was in favour of emigration from China. He feared that it would be difficult to secure a treaty for Australia similar to that between the United States and China.

**CORONAL ARCHBISHOP.**  
It is reported that at the Lambeth Conference the bishops will recommend archbishops for the whole of the British colonies.

**THE ENGLISH UNEMPLOYED.**  
The Poor Law Guardians are arranging a scheme for placing the London unemployed on the unemployed lands of England and the colonies.

**MRS. GORDON-BALLIE.—CONVICT.**  
Mrs. Gordon-Ballie and Percival Frost have been committed for trial on charges of defrauding the London unemployed. Among the witnesses examined was Mr. Julian Thomas, 'The Vagabond,' who testified as to the identity of Mr. Knight Aston, the well-known opera singer, who is in Australia. A New Zealand prisoner was also produced.

**A MANIFESTO BY PRINCE VICTOR.**  
London, July 26.—The manifesto of the Comte de Paris, the head of the French Royalists, in which he recently appealed to the French people to support a monarchy as the only means of restoring liberty to France, has provoked a reply from Prince Victor, the son of Prince Napoleon, and who is regarded as the future Bonapartist Emperor.

In his manifesto Prince Victor urges the French people to take a plebiscite as to the form of Government to be continued in France and as to the ruler they desire should they vote in favor of a return to monarchical government.

**THE AMERICAN TARIFF.**  
London, July 25.—The Finance Committee of the Republican party in the American Senate are preparing a Tariff Bill to be

substituted for that introduced by Mr. Mills, and which has passed the House of Representatives.

**THE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.**  
London, July 23.—During the naval maneuvers off Plymouth in connection with the celebration of the tercentenary of the Spanish Armada several mishaps and fatalities occurred. The equipment of the warships engaged was found to be very defective, and the ironclads behaved badly.

**AMERICAN NEWS.**  
Paul Kruger, the President of the Orange Free State, has promised to preserve strict neutrality, and not in any way to interfere with the British forces who are now engaged in tranquillizing Zululand.

George Greenway, the Warwickshire hunter, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for stealing shares, and Keelyo Greenway has been sentenced to one year for appropriating a draft.

The Municipal Council of Paris has voted the sum of £10,000 for lighting the city with electricity.

It is reported that the Pope is seriously ill, suffering from an affection of the liver. The Pope has issued a special dispensation, permitting the Duke d'Aosta to marry his niece.

**THE OPENING OF THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.**  
August 2.

The Melbourne Centennial Exhibition was opened yesterday under very auspicious circumstances.

During the earlier part of the week the weather had been very unpleasant, but Wednesday opened comparatively fine, although there were symptoms that rain was hanging about ready to fall on the slightest provocation. Fortunately, however, it held off till after the popular part of the ceremony of opening and subsequent public demonstration had passed over.

The day was kept as a close holiday by everybody. By about nine o'clock in the morning, great crowds had assembled in Collins Street. A small army of police was employed in keeping the line of the procession clear.

It is estimated that upwards of a quarter of a million spectators were assembled along the line of the procession.

The procession itself included twelve thousand members of the various trades and friendly societies. The fire brigade, naval and military forces, added another twenty thousand. The Governors of all the Australian colonies, except Western Australia, were present.

The procession left Government House at half-past eleven o'clock, and made a triumphal entry into the Exhibition amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the populace, the clashing of arms, and the thundering of cannon.

Sir Henry Parkes was absent on the plea of 'pressure of duties,' but it was freely suggested that the real cause was jealousy of the action of Victoria in taking up, and carrying out the idea of a Centennial Exhibition. Notwithstanding the absence of their Premier, the New South Wales contingent was strongly represented.

Amongst the historic figures present were included William Westgarth, the eminent London financier, and Francis Henry, the former recently arrived from London. Both were connected with the foundation of the colony of Victoria and have been honoured by the old colonists.

The congregation assembled in the Exhibition Hall numbered upwards of ten thousand.

The opening ceremony was a very brilliant scene. The arrangements were very similar to those at the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition last year. President McEwen opened the proceedings with prayer. This duty devolved upon him because of the difficulty experienced in arranging for an ecclesiastic to do it. The Old Hundred pealed out in a majestic volume of harmony from ten thousand tongues.

This was followed by the singing of the thanksgiving ode, especially written for the occasion, and set to music by the musical director, Mr. F. H. Cowen, Mus. B., by a choir of a thousand voices.

The President then presented the Governor Sir Henry Robinson, K.C.B., with the memento of the exhibition, a beautiful specimen of the locksmith's art, made of gold and richly jewelled, and read a congratulatory speech reciting the history of the exhibition and giving a brief sketch of the progress of the colony.

The Governor replied appropriately and declared the exhibition open.

The effect of the Cantata was unfortunately spoiled by the noise and shuffling made by people leaving the Hall.

The admissions from opening time in the morning to closing time at night were upwards of 36,000.

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Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

**Section.**  
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3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.  
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6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

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7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.  
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.  
9. From Kowloon Island to North Point.  
10. Kowloon Wharves.  
11. Jardine's Wharf.

**Vessel's Name.** **Anchor.** **Captain.** **Flag and Reg.** **Tons.** **Date of Arrival.** **Consignees or Agents.** **Destination.** **Remarks.**

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